

FRESH NEWS FROM HILO.

WHAT IS GOING ON IN THAT SEAPORT.

The "Star's" New Correspondent Sends His First Letter From the Island of Hawaii.

The ten days that usually intervene between the arrivals of the Kinau with her mail are passed by Hilo in a sort of brooding quiet; it is only when the steamer's advent is made known over the telephone from Mahukona or Kawaihewa that the town begins to throw off its fit of slumbrous silence, and some semblance of life begins to assert itself in its grass-grown streets. At such a time the telephones are in great request, and it is no easy task for the operators, who, however, are invariably courteous, to meet the many demands made upon them by the eager seeker of news. At times the news transmitted from the other end of the line is based upon some Honolulu street rumor, and then there is great wagging of tongues.

Given the arrival of the Kinau during the day time and Hilo puts on her gala costume; it flocks to the wharf whence it gazes on the faces of new arrivals, it shakes hands and exchanges greetings with old friends. Hilo is hospitable; in it no stranger ever lacked a welcome; it also possesses a wonderful fund of patience and good humor, for in no other place would the snail-like performances of a postmaster, have been permitted to go on so long. We have been so long accustomed to having our mail distributed through the hands of a 250 pound Hawaiian with a \$300 salary, while our \$1500 postmaster first peruses his own mail, that the 3 or 4 hours' waiting for a 6-bag mail consignment has become second nature to us, and no one thinks of complaining.

Just now Hilo is having another dry spell; the streams through the district have not as yet sensibly diminished, but the waterheads which supply the flumes are situated for the most part at considerable distance and elevation in the interior and a few days dry water works a corresponding diminution in water supply for fluming purposes.

The new crop canes throughout Kohala, Hamakua and Hilo are looking remarkably green and healthy, and in the two former districts, the contrast is sharp between the present and the dried-up appearance of a year ago. There is an almost continuous belt of cane between Kukuiahele and Hilo, and the outlook for 1894 is good; while all of the Hilo plantations will go beyond their original estimate. It is evident that plantations all along the line are trying to break the record, more particularly in respect to the curbing of expense and the utilizing of home products and waste material. In the latter consideration the storage for stable bedding and manure, with pumping apparatus for the liquor seepage, lately erected by Mr. Ant. Lydgate, of the Hamakua Mill Co's Plantation, is a case in point which in the end must benefit the owners thousands of dollars. The same thing is accomplished in a different manner by Mr. Goodale of the Onomea Sug. Co's Plantation, which, by the way has the best arranged system of roads of any in the district, while last but not least is the good will and the fellowship existing between plantation managers, who are ever ready to discuss and exchange new ideas and improvements.

But with all this there is still great room for improvement. Nearly all the Hilo plantations own their lands in fee simple, some of these extend to and into the open country above the line of timber on the Humuula trail, and elevation of near 500 feet and a zone which could produce all the barley, wheat, oats and hay required for fodder purpose. Why pay out money for rice where so many of the Hilo gulches contain old taro lofts with water runs in as complete state of preservation as in the ancient past.

The outlook for the greater development of the small farming interests is quite encouraging. Already numerous parties with small capital are looking around for investments; the country around Waimex in South Kohala is as favorably situated for the raising of corn and potatoes as that of Kula, Maui, while numerous parties in Hamakua, Hilo and Puna have brought the cultivation of coffee from the experimental to the practical stage, and with a vim promising success in the near future.

Politically there is no pot a boiling. The annexation sentiment has lost none of its strength, and the universal feeling is one of confidence in the successful outcome of the negotiations. We all feel that if the administration considers that the time has arrived to take over these Islands, they will take them; still we cannot, but look with doubt and suspicion on the professions of a certain element of hungry office-seekers, who originate all sorts of fanciful rumors for their own selfish ends, and thus cast discredit on the present interregnum. Hilo, as in Honolulu, has its "Hui Aloha Aina" or patriotic league, run on the same parallel lines as the parent branch. That these lines are not always cast in pleasant places, is proven by the split which lately occurred and was caused by a squabble over the selection of delegates with powers plenipotentiary to interview the Hon. J. H. Blount and make known to him their ultimatum.

Prior to this high misunderstanding a Hawaiian lady of weight in the community had been chosen and acted as chairman, but all her weight, i. e. beauty for weight is beauty ala Hawaiiane, was unable to shield her from the wrath of the patriots assembled who metaphorically cast her out from their midst and set up the Hon. Col. J. T. Baker in her place. This august personage who earned his spurs and

august title in many a hard fought battle on the plains of Koolau, lassoing the frisky bullock, soon restored order with his awe-inspiring gaze and eloquent tongue.

The new order of things is shown in nothing more plainly than in the present policy of the Board of Health relative to the arrest and segregation of lepers. These unfortunates whom a corrupting power had permitted to remain untouched, and at large flaunting their hideous disease openly before the public are now being gathered in as rapidly as possible. Of interest in this connection is the ridiculously small salaries paid Government physicians in the various districts, and when a capable man like Dr. Cooper of Kau resigned his post the position is not so easily filled. Nor is it always an easy matter to fill the vacancy caused by the promotion of good and valuable men to positions of greater responsibility, and all who have met Mr. Walton, late overseer at Papea, will be pleased to learn of the appointment of so good an American to the position of manager of the Waihee plantation.

Besides other reasons he must breathe a sigh of relief, for the presentation of an opportunity to leave a district where the road authorities have been subsidized by the shoe dealers. The formula for road construction in the Hilo district seems to be about as follows: 95 per cent. laziness at \$1.00 per day (and no haole need apply), 4 per cent. mud, 1 per cent. of road metal, and what are you going to do about it?

They don't do work that way in Hamakua. There the cantonment system is in force, the laborer earns about \$22.00 a month, while the work is inspected twice a week by an overseer at a small salary. Hamakua may well be proud, for with a less income from road taxes, and a farther stretch to cover the roads are far superior to Hilo's.

While Hilo may fall short in respect to roads, postmasters and other poor things, as a social centre it is a great institution. There are picnics and parties and socials galore.

When one of the former is on the tapis, then away with dull care, the butcher, the baker and candlestick-maker forsake their interesting avocations and flock to the shrine of Mokuola or Coccanut Island, provided they are invited. Hilo like all large cities has its elite with the divinity that doth hedge them in, but must not look back too far. It is only when a church social is in full blast that all is democratic and unconventional. As these gatherings there is not alone the feast of reason and the flow of soul, tempered by the hallowed surroundings, but the finer feast of good comestibles and drinkables and other ables which one has not the heart to refuse even though they add a premium to dyspeptic tendencies. If all the sociables taking place in Hilo will only be half as enjoyable as the one held at Mr. and Mrs. Terry's, of the Hilo Boarding School, but further your deponent sayeth not.

Following directly upon the heels of the above came the entertainment at the Hilo Court House. This temple of *fat justice, calum* was consecrated for the time being into a temple of mysteries, where for the binary division of the federal dollar, the sympathetic Helote was expected to be moved to weep by a negation of the trials and tribulations of the aspirants for a crown among the flowers. Fortunately for all concerned, "quarrel among the flowers," as the cantata was called, led to no serious consequences, presumably owing to the present political situation, where both throne and crown are vacant, and the pretty maids who participated wound up their hopes for queenly prerogative by a hands all-round, and so annexation is safe for the present.

Mr. Hitchcock's histrionic talent in delineating the heathen Chinese met with N. B. loud plauds, and a venture some grasshopper subsequently met with a tragic ending at the hands, or correctly speaking, the peck of a g-b-bler with appetite sharpened for such titbits by previous surfeit in China hash-house delicacies. As the devoted proves to have been Mr. E. D. Baldwin, and the devourer Mr. Ernest Lyman, it is to be hoped that the process of digestion will be followed by no serious consequence.

There were other choice morsels served up for the delectation of the audience but the limitations of space forbid a more than hasty summary other than that the hall was packed, and that the performance was a success. The receipts go to swell the fund for a town hall, the idea for which was conceived some years back, and though meeting with more or less opposition from a small clique of mutual admirers whose croakings were called forth by the fact that they were not in it, yet for all that the ladies have gone bravely ahead and are backed by the public spirited element of the town. A. B. L. April 27th, 1893.

GOING TO THE STATES.

Departure of Mrs. Oleson on a Sailing Vessel.

Mrs. Oleson wife of Prof. Oleson of the Kamehameha Schools together with her family left today on the Wilder. Mrs. Oleson will visit relatives and friends in the States and the Professor will join her in Chicago at the World's Fair. The Kamehameha Glee Club gave a parting serenade at the wharf and many were the sad adieus to this charming lady who has been such an able assistant to the Professor in his duties at the school. The Olesons will locate permanently in Cleveland Ohio.

TITCOMB RELEASED.

Geo. Titcomb who, by a verdict of the Supreme Court to-day, is set at liberty, has been an occupant of the prison for the last two months, on a sentence from Kauai for "assault with a dangerous weapon to kill and murder."

The \$1000 damages won by George Dillingham, have been paid to him.

ELECTRIC FRANCHISE.

IT IS AWARDED TO W. W. HALL FOR HIS COMPANY.

Mr. Hall Was the Only Bidder—His Plans for Extending the Service.

Chief Clerk Hassinger of the Interior Department, was prompt in his appearance at the entrance of the government building at exactly noon to day for the sale of the Government Electric Franchise. The only bidder on hand was W. W. Hall, who bid for the Hawaiian Electric Co., the upset price of two and a half per cent. on the gross proceeds of the franchise. This was accepted. The company of which Mr. Hall is president and Hon. W. G. Irwin and other wealthy men of the city are heavy stockholders, propose the immediate augmentation of their present small plant, on King and Alakea streets. They will put in steam and electric machinery of the most approved kinds, and of capacity sufficient to supply the demands of the entire city.

Mr. Hall was greatly pleased at the result of the bidding when a STAR reporter called on him this afternoon. "Our company has worked under disadvantages for two years," said he, "but we shall now be in shape to do a large business. The machinery which will be put in will enable us to meet all present and prospective demands of the town. Our first effort will be to get 4000 lights in operation. When that is done we shall be ready to put in more engines and dynamos and extend the plant to meet the uttermost point of custom either for lights or for motive power. We shall be able to supply the latter to all sorts of manufacturers or to those needing it in transportation. The plant will be ordered from a leading American manufacturer and will be in running order in about six months. Meanwhile the wires will be strung. They will not traverse every street but they will be so placed as to connect readily with every house and store.

"The company will soon be reorganized and new officers chosen."

NEWS IN A NUTSHELL.

C. Company drills to night.

The Mariposa is due to-morrow.

Board of Health meeting this afternoon.

Bananas are filling up the Oceanic wharf for the Monowai.

Tourists and visitors generally will be allowed to visit the Palace Tuesday's only.

In the Police Court, ex-Turkey Walker, who let a prisoner escape, was fined \$50.

The schools of Maui and Molokai are to be inspected soon by Sch. of Inspector Atkinson.

There will be a benefit concert at Kawaiaha church on Saturday evening 6th inst., at which the best local talent will appear.

The Spectacles ride in a new carriage, the finest in the city, constructed by a local firm and used for the first time by them.

P. G. CAMARINOS offers for Sale, Fifty THOUSAND of the Best Variety of PINEAPPLE PLANTS, from imported stock. See his advertisement in the STAR.

Frank May, a private in the volunteers, and Kalbe, a German shoemaker, were taken up yesterday afternoon for an affray in the streets.

Bids were open for the erection of the Sailor's Home this afternoon. Lucas Brothers made the lowest one, \$15,619.

Five Patriotic League delegates conferred with Mr. Blount yesterday. Forty of them went aboard the Naniwa this morning.

The Strangers' Friend Society will meet to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock, in the parlors of the Y. M. C. A. All are cordially invited to be present.

Mr. Luning wishes the STAR to state that the Foreign Office addressed a note to the U. S. Minister regarding the escape of Wetmore on the Mohican.

The Pacific Wheelman met last evening and elected H. E. Walker, President, W. M. Bush, Sec. and Treas., R. A. Dexter, Captain and T. P. Cummings, Lieutenant.

Sam Parker took the Claudine for Maui yesterday.

Claus and Rudolph Spreckels went to Spreckelsville on the Claudine yesterday.

Baron Lottwitz will take the next steamer to the coast.

Mrs. La Pierre, wife of Health officer La Pierre, left on the Planter today for the States. She was accompanied by her family.

The Sch. Aloha is receiving sugar out in the stream ex str. Likelike.

Sugar Piling Up.

There is a dearth of shipping in the harbor and sugar is piling up in the warehouse. Most all the sugar which came on the W. G. Hall yesterday was stored. The R. P. Rihet, the first sugar vessel due, is expected in about ten days.

THE DECREASE OF IMPORTS.

A Correspondent Discusses it in Business Way.

EDITOR STAR—I wish to add something to your reply to the question asked yesterday about the lesson of the figures which show a decrease of imports from the United States. The figures prove that the exports from the United States have considerably decreased on account of bad times on the islands and that it is for the interest of the United States to have the Islands in a flourishing condition, as it would double or treble their export to the Hawaiian Islands. This is business and can only be achieved by annexation.

The second point is that most of the goods imported free of duty from the United States, have been imported from Europe, paying 10% duty to the Hawaiian Government, without any additional cost to the community or to the consumers.

Allow me to explain: All cotton goods from the United States they pay no duty; but without this protection duty, nearly all cotton goods would be imported from England and not from the United States. Even with 10% duty on cotton goods I have been able to import them cheaper from England than they would have cost from the United States. Please call and see my stock and it will convince you that it is for the interest of the United States to have the Islands annexed in order to be able to export every year from ten to twenty million dollars of goods. Annexation will pay the United States.

Now comes the third point. Is it just for the United States to have a reciprocity with the Islands with all the benefits on their side? This was not the intention when the treaty was made. The bulk of American goods are free of duty by treaty and we have no benefit, our rice business is of little importance, and might be stopped any day, as only Chinamen are benefited by it.

The fourth point is of great importance to the Provisional Government. If they had the income in duties on American goods, as well as on English goods, they would be a great deal better off and would not be obliged to borrow money abroad.

Therefore annexation is for the interest of the United States even more than for the Hawaiian Islands. Yours truly, ANNEXATION T.

THE SUPREME COURT.

It Renders Two Important Decisions This Morning.

Pow Kee vs. Wilder's Steamship Company. Before Bickerton, Frear and Cooper, J. J. Wilder, disqualified, being a stockholder in defendant corporation. This is an action for non-delivery of goods shipped at Honolulu, on a steamer belonging to the defendant, at Paila, Maui. The goods were destroyed by fire on their arrival at Kahului, the terminus of the sea route. To prove defendant's negligence, the plaintiff offered in evidence that the defendant had erected a fire-proof building and kept a watchman in it, which he had not done before. The decision in the lower court for defendant was upheld.

Hartwell for plaintiff. Hatch for defendant. Matter of the application of Geo. Titcomb for a writ of habeas corpus. Before Judd, C. J., Bickerton and Frear, J. J.

"This is an appeal from Judge Whiting, of the Circuit Court, refusing to discharge the petitioner from the custody of the Marshal. In this case, the records correspond with the mittimus. Both are illegal and the petitioner is entitled to his discharge. The jury would not be warranted in finding his guilt, as it does not appear that there are different degrees of the same offense, but substantially different offenses from what he is charged." Hartwell for Titcomb, petitioner; Att.-Gen. Smith, for respondent.

THE CIRCUIT COURT VERDICTS.

Prov. Gov't. vs. Kaluna. Gross cheat. Third degree. Appeal from Hon-Lulu. Verdict not guilty. Kaula for defendant. Pros. Atty. Wilder for the Gov't. Prov. Gov't. vs. Haabee and Kanulu, assault and battery. Appeal from Honolulu. Kane for defendant. Hartwell for prosecution. Verdict, not guilty.

Prov. Gov't. vs. D. Watson and three others. House breaking. Kane for defendant. On trial.

The Sale of Bonds.

Minister of Finance Porter was seen today by a STAR reporter, and asked how the sale of government bonds was progressing. He reported sales small but frequent, and that not a cent's worth had been sold for less than 100 cents on the dollar. A gentleman in this city stands ready with \$70,000 of buying bonds, as soon as the fact of annexation is established. He is only one of many who stand waiting to invest.

The Japanese Commissioner.

Mr. S. Aizuki the special Japanese Commissioner, left on the Claudine yesterday evening for the purpose of visiting the different plantations on the island of Maui.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

NATIVE FANS AND ISLAND CURIO IN GREAT VARIETY AT THE ELITE ICE CREAM PARLORS.

MILLINERY

Just Received per "Australia," a Full Line of

New Millinery Goods

Ladies' and Children's HATS, RIBBONS AND FLOWERS.

LEGHORNS AND SAILORS for both Ladies and Children.

A large assortment of FINE VELVETS, GAUZE, TIES, and all the latest Novelties at

MRS. GOOD'S, Fort Street.

Special Notices.

OAHU RAILWAY & LAND CO'S TIME TABLE.

FROM AND AFTER OCT. 1, 1890.



TRAINS	A.M.	P.M.
Leave Honolulu	6:15	8:45
Arrive Honolulu	7:20	9:55
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Shipping.

For San Francisco, per Planter, May 3.

John Wilson and wife, S. D. Grayham, Harry Hicks, Mrs. La Pierre and child.

Per star W. G. Hall—4440 bags sugar, 10 bags coffee, 45 bags wheat, 45 bags rice, 20 head cattle and 20 pigs similar.

Per S. G. Wilder, C. Brewer & Co., 1,055 bags sugar, F. A. Schae